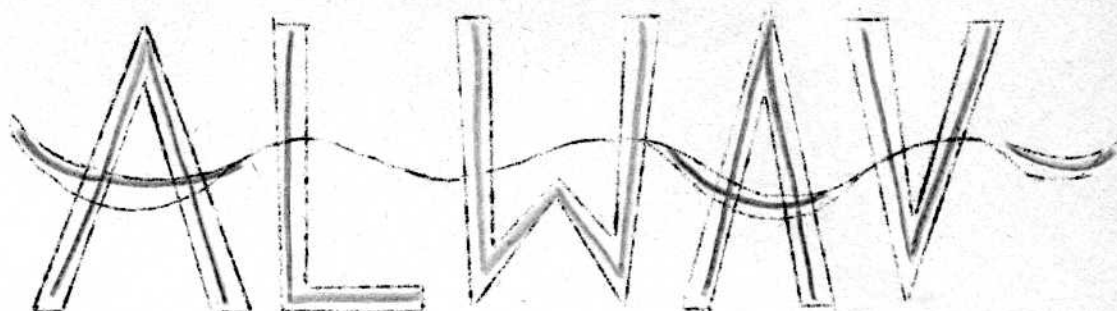


# The Great Lakes



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## WAVES IN CHICAGO AREA TO PARADE WEDNESDAY

### WAVES On Ether Waves

The reason for the frequent meetings of WAVES in the Sound Room of Building #3, may at last be divulged. The Women Reservists are ready to air the results of many practices by appearing with the SINGING BANDSMEN on the MEET YOUR NAVY broadcast tonight at 1930.

The two groups are to sing WAVES OF THE NAVY and SONG OF THE WAVES, the former acappella, the latter with a background of orchestral accompaniment.

Songsters are : Ensigns PURDY, LYONS, LYTLE, SCHMER, GEO-KARIS, CRANKSHAW, GILLETTE, FULLBRIGHT, HOLLINGS WORTH, CHILSON and CRUISE. The Yeomen representatives are BOURN, LEIGHTON, CHICOINE, LINK, SCHAFER and SCHULTZ. Storekeepers are MULLIGAN, TAYLOR, STIFTER, ULLRICH, PARSONS, WHELAN, and GROVES.

### "CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU"

First advancement in ratings to come to any WAVES at Great Lakes last week came to three yeomen....Julia Zelenka, Irene Chicoine and LaVina Fowell....who were advanced from Y3c to Y2c.

The trio, members of the first group of WAVES to be graduated from the yeoman school at Stillwater, reported aboard in November.

First mass appearance of WAVES on parade in the United States outside the schools, will take place in Chicago next Wednesday, March 24, with WAVES of Great Lakes participating.

Scheduled for 1300, the parade is a "Happy Sailing" send-off for 500 WAVE recruits departing for Hunter College, and is another outstanding event in the gigantic WAVE recruiting campaign.

WAVES will march for a mile and a half through the Loop, down Jackson Boulevard to the Arch in front of the Board of Trade building and there will meet the 500 recruits bound for Hunter College. The WAVES, the Navy Pier band and the recruits will then parade to the Union Station.

Great Lakes WAVES have done themselves proud, in their active participation in the intensive, well organized recruiting drive which has been underway in Chicago for the past month.

WAVES have assisted with induction ceremonies, participated in the dedication of the WAVES - SPARS ARCH in front of the Board of Trade Bldg., and opened the drive for the new Cruiser "CHICAGO" by selling bonds in Loop Department Stores.

PARADE, cont'd.....

ASIDE FOR MERMAIDS

On February 27th, Dorothy ULLRICH and Kay SCHULTZ manned a WAVES information booth at Hotel Sherman, headquarters of the American Beauty Convention.

A "rush" party at Radio Station WGN in Chicago for four hundred prospective WAVES and SPARS on March 4th was attended by a large number of Officers and enlisted personnel. WAVES stationed at Great Lakes portrayed various roles Navy women are trained to fill and situations they are prepared to face.

On St. Patrick's Day seven WAVES shared the spotlight with basketball stars playing in the finals of the basketball tournament held at the Chicago Stadium. They assisted in the induction of new Chicago WAVES recruits - a feature of the evening. The seven who took part were Anne STIFTER, Maxine WEST, Betty BOURN, Julia ZELENKA, Lavinda RANICH, Etheldreda WHELAN, and Lavina FOWELL.

Do you have a bit of spare time? Do you crave exercise? Do you like active sports? Try a refreshing swim at The Officers Club Swimming Pool, open daily until 1800.

SEND IT IN

The "winn-a-h-h" could be you--- if you would drop in the mail today your song title suggestion for Fred Waring's new WAVE song played on the air for the first time Wednesday night.

There's a trip to New York awaiting the WAVE who submits the winning song title, so address your suggestion to the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Room 300, Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois, and mail it today.

Imagine a trip to New York without even the investment... of a three cent stamp,

Bureau of Naval Personnel  
Navy Department  
Office of Naval Officer Procurement  
Chicago, Illinois

March 5, 1943.

My dear Admiral Downes:

Please accept my special thanks for the unusual co-operation extended by the WAVES complement of the Ninth Naval District. Several enlisted women have been loaned by Lt. (jg) Forsman and Ensign Fullbright in accordance with Captain Heslar's arrangement. Their work has been splendid.

Wednesday night some twenty officers came to Chicago voluntarily to assist in handling prospective applicants at a WAVES and SPARS rally. It was a cold night. These WAVES had no compulsion other than their own loyalty. They accomplished a great deal, and we are proud of them, as I know you must be.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ E. S. Root  
Captain USN (ret.)  
Director



## INTRODUCING.....

### The Great Lakes ALNAV

This is it....the first issue of your WAVES news bulletin. We hope you will help us make it peppy, readable---and better, by contributing stories, bits of news, drawings,... anything, everything.

Contributions and names of persons interested in joining the staff will be most gratefully received by:

Ensign Maxine KENNEDY---Room 126, Administration Building or Exmoor Country Club, Highland Park

and

Ensign Marjorie GILLETTE, Room 216, Administration Building or Lake Bluff.

To the contributors of our first issue, our sincere thanks.

Winnie, the WAVE, is the creation of Emma LINK, Y3c, who also penned the ALNAV heading - "Did you Know?" was the contribution of Lt. (jg) Irene HARRIS, District Training Office - Baum Barracks By-Lines is the column of Etheldreda Whelan, SK3c - for "making the paper run off the presses" we thank Irene SCHAFER, Y3c.

## ON THE BEAM

"Having the tailor shop tack pleats in the back of raincoats will eliminate the wearying 'Please pleat my back' from daily conversation. Moreover, it's an A-1 time-saver when it comes to attaining that well-groomed appearance."

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"If the ends of your ties have an annoying habit of drooping, thwart them by catching the ends with a couple of small pins."

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"You'll need a new Easter Bonnet if the brim of your chapeau has developed peculiarities of a serious nature. At any rate, watch the brims of your hats...others do even if you don't."

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"And lest it is forgotten, the Navy frowns on 'bangs' sticking out in front of hats."

## ON THE BEAM, cont'd.....

"Wearers of snap-brims are more apt to be asked if they are a 'WAVE' or a 'WAC', if they wear the brims of their hats up. The 'U.S. Navy' can't be seen that way."

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"From head to toe...And so, to that matter of shoes....There's a cobbler at Ship's Service who banishes run-down heels for two dimes or so."

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"To make shoes pass Navy inspection, shoe polish is essential-----but the varieties that produce ankle 'ink-spots', aren't exactly suited for the feminine branch of the Navy. Experiment a bit with no-ruboff polishes or neutral cremes like Kiwi, etc."

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"So that your navy blouse won't shine like a mirror, have it ironed on the wrong side. If you're not sure of the results of laundering it, have it cleaned. It costs not much more."

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"Don't clip pencils on any of your pockets or lapels! Wedgies are strictly out of uniform. Don't wear identification or other bracelets or chains on the outside of your sleeves or collars. Take a quick rear view of yourself once a day and see if the skirt wouldn't look a bit better for two minutes' pressing."

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"When officers 'go to town', remember the Bismarck A'WS lounge is a grand place -- to rest up, brush up, leave your packages, take a bath or a nap. It's at the Bismarck Hotel at Wells and Randolph, just a hop, skip and jump from the North Shore Depot. It's attractive and restful and refreshments are served."

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"Girls will be girls -- but we've had no bad conduct reports from Great Lakes. Let's keep it that way!"

### NEW OFFICERS ARRIVE

Aboard the USS GREAT LAKES last weekend came six new WAVES officers, five to take up "permanent" duties with Ninth Naval District offices, and one reporting under temporary orders. All have established residency at the W.O.Q. (WAVE Officers' Quarters) at Exmoor.

Among the six who reported Monday were Ensign Lola C. REID, whose southern drawl will tell you she hails from North Carolina (Chapel Hill) even though she doesn't mention it. Her orders assign her to the District Security Office.

That same office also claims Ensign Ruth H. SCHMER, who in her civilian days taught art in Washington, D. C.

Arrival of the six brings the number of WAVES officers aboard to 29.

Assistant to the Commissary officer is the assignment of Ensign Ruth M. REED, a native of Oregon and a not-so-long-ago Army post hospital dietitian.

There's a lawyer in the group too ... Ensign Adeline Jay GLO-KARIS... whose home is in Chicago. She reported for active duty in the legal department.

Ensign Friscilla H. FANSLER, another Oregon booster, has her desk in the Chief of Staff's office.

Reporting for temporary duty in the District Communications office is Ensign Ruthanna MAXWELL, who will return to Northampton, Massachusetts, in a fortnight to teach "Comm Inst."

### SHOE STAMPS

After you've used your shoe stamp #17 - - if you still need another pair of shoes, call at the War Rationing Board in Building #3. A coupon will be given you which will permit a good salesman to sell you a sturdy pair of Black Beauties.

### THEY "SAID" IT

Blue ribboned "Famous-Last-Words"....The Chicago Tribune's final paragraph in its story reporting the departure from Union Station of 235 WAVES, Hunter-College Bound, and 192 WAACS with Des Moines tickets. We quote:

"A few WAVES cried, but the WAACS were dry-eyed and grim."

Need they have said more?

### THE MARINES HAVE COME FEMES

The Marine Barracks were not surprised at the arrival of two new Sergeants. But, imagine the shock of discovering that they were of the feminine variety.

One very tough Sergeant was heard to remark that he couldn't be sent to sea fast enough.

It was Sergeant Lillian H. Berns of Milwaukee and Sergeant Margaret T. COLLOLY of Chicago coming aboard that raised the Marines' blood pressure.

Sergeant BERTS is employed in the Marine Barracks Office, and Sergeant COLLOLY is attached to the Marine Commanding Officer's staff. Looks like a new deal for the Marines!

### WAVES WELCOME

To welcome new Officers aboard, WAVES Officers will entertain at a "Dutch Treat" dinner meeting at the Moraine Hotel in Highland Park, Thursday, March 25th at 1830.

Officers are asked to telephone dinner reservations to Lt. (jg) Irene HARRIS at Ext. 315. Following the dinner, there will be a brief meeting at 1930 - a "must" on your list.

### BUY WAR BONDS



### "WELL DONE"

WAVE officers have done it..... established a brand-new record...and the Yeomen and Storekeepers are well on their way to equaling it.

The record---100 per cent participation in WAR BONDS allotments, amounting to 10 per cent or more of base pay--sets a new precedent for not only Great Lakes Station but for the Ninth Naval District.

This letter from Lt. D. W. Davis, SC, USNR, coordinator for War Savings Bonds tells the story:

"Dear Lieutenant Forsman:

"Please extend the congratulations of this office to your fellow officers for the one-day campaign which they so successfully completed. By achieving 100 per cent participation and making War Bonds allotments of 10 per cent or more of your base pay, you and your fellow officers have set a precedent for this District and Station that is particularly noteworthy. Should all of the enlisted WAVES now assigned to the District and Station follow your timely example, they, too, can have the satisfaction of performing a "Double Duty" for their country.

"Again our congratulations for the co-operation and leadership which your group has shown.

Yours very truly,"

It's simple to make an allotment. Just give your name to District Disbursing, Room 120, Administration Building if you're assigned to the District, or to Station Disbursing if assigned to the Station.

### COUNTRY CLUB BILLETS

There's room for four more officers at the W.O.Q.--and it won't be long now before a Country Club will be a pretty nice place to be. Call Ensign Marian Knight, Ext. 777, for information.

### SKINNING THE SURF

WAVES at Great Lakes will soon have an opportunity to be blood donors for the Red Cross...and we wouldn't be a bit surprised if the WAVES came through with another 100 per cent record.

A lassie who knows all the answers is Ensign Nancy Hafe, first WAVE to complete the course in Navy Regs. She came out with the praiseworthy mark of 3.93. The line forms on the right for those who seek information.

And now that the WAACS have become the WACS (Women's Army Corps) by act of Congress, we're wondering how long it will be before WAVES will be able to pack duffle bags and head for oversea bases.

WAVES are thankful for the "freedom" to marry whomever they choose. The talk of satin white wedding gowns which followed on the heels of the new regulation is still regarded as wishful thinking. It's Mainbocher blue.

It was mighty fine of the staff of the GREAT LAKES BULLETIN to devote the back page of two recent issues to stories and pix of WAVES.

We're all for officers' dinners, too, like the one at the Hotel Moraine early in March. Lieutenants (jg) Nancy Forsman and Irene Harris were hostesses at cocktails preceding the dinner.

Stand by for announcements soon regarding fittings for summer uniforms at Marshall Field's in Lake Forest.

And have you heard about the new Ensign, who fully indoctrinated, passed a superior officer four times. The first three times, she said, "By your leave, Sir"; the fourth time he turned to her and said, "This one's on me."

## BAUM BARRACKS BY-LINES

Things out at the Baum House keep moving these days.....there's plenty of activity, for some of our girls have been doing double duty for Uncle Sam, Besides performing their office duties, they have been on the go, assisting with the recruiting program..... You've heard much about the formal inspection at Baum House, but did you know that come the next one, the inspecting party is quite likely to be headed by a four-striper. At least it's scuttlebutt hot from the shack....And what's this about Doris Groves' "middle-aisling" it in the very near future?

Mrs. Tillis (Mary Anna West), Baum House's bride has been commuting between Waukegan and the station.

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### WAVES KEGLERS

Each Tuesday evening at 1900 finds a hardy group of WAVES Officers on hand at Building 3 attempting to hit the elusive bowling pins.

This, only after a luscious meal has been consumed at B. O. Q. to give the would-be bowlers pep and energy.

Ensign Audrey HOLLINGSWORTH of Station Personnel is in charge of the program.

### CORDON PARTY

The Cordón Club, 410 S. Michigan Avenue is having a Patriotic Card Party, Tuesday, March 23rd at eight o'clock. Contribution is seventy-five cents and "A Book for a Soldier." Lets' have a WAVES representation for such a good cause!

### BUY WAR BONDS

Her soldier husband is spending his leave with her.....Dorothy Ullrich has returned from a short leave at her home, going there after she was notified that her brother had been wounded in action somewhere in the East.

Ward "D" the WAVE ward in the Main Hospital has two patients from Baum House---Francis Marie Williams and Rita Mae

LaVoy. All our best wishes go out to them .....Twenty WAVES were guests at the WAVES-WAAC party, March 8, at the Service-men's Center, Chicago .....Fan mail a plenty, we hear, is reaching Julia Zelenka these days

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### Mme. CHIANG KAI-SHEK

When Mme. Chiang Kai-shek speaks at the Chicago Stadium Monday at 8 p. m., WAVES will have a prominent part in escorting Mme. Chiang to the speakers' platform.

They have been chosen to carry the National Colors in the procession to the stage. Chinese Boy Scouts will carry the Chinese Colors, and WAVES and SPARS, marching alternately, will carry the colors of the Allied Nations.

### REMINDING THOSE.....

Who move or marry. Notify Lt.(jg) Nancy FORSMAN, Liaison Officer, promptly of any change in your address--or name, so that addresses can be kept up-to-the-minute. Telephone 304 or stop in at Room 115, Administration Building.





## IN THE PUBLIC EYE

No "E" or "M" award ceremony these days is complete without a WAVE among the distinguished guests. At three ceremonies within the past week, the WAVES have been represented by Great Lakes Women Reservists.

When the Army-Navy "E" award was presented to the Caterpillar Tractor Company at Peoria, Ill., March 12, Lt. (jg) Nancy FORSMAN, liaison officer, assisted Captain LOFQUIST in presenting the "E" pins. More than 25,000 persons attended the ceremony.

In the evening Miss Forsman and Lt. Hightower of the WACS were guests of honor at a cocktail and dinner party given at the Pere Marquette Hotel by wives of Caterpillar executives.

Yesterday Ensign Miriam FULLBRIGHT was in Marion, Indiana to participate in the "E" award ceremony at the Farnsworth Radio Company.

LaVina FOWELL Y2c represented the WAVES at the luncheon in East Chicago, Indiana last Saturday when the U.S. Maritime Commission "M" pennant was presented to the Edward Valve & Manufacturing Company of East Chicago. Speakers included Governor Henry F. Schricker of Indiana and Rear Admiral Edward Evers.

These three WAVES have also spoken at several outstanding events within the past few weeks.

Miss Fullbright outlined the duties of WAVES at the Stars and Stripes dinner in Waukegan given recently by American Legion Auxiliary. Lt. Col. Fred M. Distelhorst, Commanding officer at Fort Sheridan, was also on the program.

Miss Forsman was a "star" March 13 on the "Danny Thomas" show on the Blue network broadcast which originated at the Naval Hospital. She also discussed the function of WAVES at a meeting of the Wisconsin Society at the Union League Club in Chicago, March 4. Admiral Downes, Captain Emmett and Captain Hoslar spoke also.

LaVina Fowell promoted the cause of the WAVES at a business girl's dinner in Waukegan, March 9. Among others who participated in the panel discussion, "Our Job--The Nation's Business" were Lt. (jg) Hazel Griffith, Navy nurse, and Captain Edith Davis of the WACS.

## DID YOU KNOW?

2400 trainees will enter the second class of Indoctrination at Hunter College, New York, March 24?

More than 4,000 WAVES have been trained in the NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT to-date?

Aviation Metalsmiths at Norman, Oklahoma...Parachute Riggers and Aerographer's Mates at Lakohurst, New Jersey....Link Trainer Instructors at NAS Atlanta, Georgia?

Women Storekeepers will replace men Storekeepers in training at Bloomington, Indiana (Indiana "U")?

The NINTH Naval District has a new WAVES Radio School...Miami University, Oxford, Ohio?

Training of instructors in synthetic training devices and of central tower operators for duty under the Bureau of Aeronautics will be undertaken very soon?

Girls with special stenographic training and experience can be rated with Y3c after completing Indoctrination, if they pass a special examination?

Bulld & Surgery has requested approximately 600 women Class V-10 a month for eight months to be trained as Hospital Apprentices? At the completion of Indoctrination, they come out as H2c, then are sent to Naval hospitals at Bethesda, Maryland, or San Diego, California, for training as corpsmen. Here, they can be rated up to and including PH2c.